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SUBJ: VISAS FOR PLO DELEGATION IN UNGA DEBATE ON PALESTINE
QUESTION

1. FOLLOWING FURTHER MEETINGS TODAY WITH NEW YORK
POLICE, SECRET SERVICE ON SECURITY FOR PLO DELEGATION
(SEE SEPTELS), I REITERATED TO UN SYG MORSE THE
ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF KEEPING SIZE OF DELEGATION TO
MANAGEABLE LIMITS. GIVEN EXTRAORDINARY DEMANDS ON
SECURITY FORCES DURING THIS PERIOD, WE COULD ACCEPT
DELEGATION MAXIMUM TOTAL SIZE OF 10, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE
THE HEAD, AIDES, AND ANY NEWSMEN THEY INSIST ON MAKING
PART OF DELEGATION. IN STRESSING NEED FOR MINIMUM SIZE,
I EMPHASIZED THAT AMERICAN SECURITY FORCES WOULD ALREADY
BE BURDENED WITH NEED TO PROTECT UP TO 20 ARAB FOREIGN
MINISTERS AND 4 CHIEFS OF STATE.

2. IF OTHERS ENTER US NOT AS PART OF PLO DELEGATION BUT
ATTACHED TO DELEGATIONS OF VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES, THEY
WILL RECEIVE SAME PROTECTION AS ACCORDED ARAB
MISSIONS AT THIS TIME, I.E. EPS OR POLICE AT
MISSION, BUT NOT PERSONAL SECURITY.

3. MORSE WILL DISCUSS SIZE OF DELEGATION WITH
BOUTEFLIKA, WHO HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN
OVER SECURITY AND SEEMS IN BEST POSITION TO GET
MESSAGE FORCEFULLY TO PLO.

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4. WE ASSUME FROM TELECONS WITH RESPONSIBLE
OFFICERS IN DEPARTMENT THAT THIS LIMITATION REFLECTS
THEIR THINKING. ALSO ASSUME VALIDITY OF VISAS WILL
BE LIMITED TO PERIOD OF DEBATE. PLEASE ADVISE CURRENT
STATUS OF VISA APPLICATIONS, ISSUANCES.
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